GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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MORAN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE
PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of multi-crores scandal of STD and ISD calls in Moran Telephone Exchange under Dibrugarh District in Assam;

(b) if so, he details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to punish the culprits?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): A case of manipulation/tampering of the original meter reading print outs has come to notice in respect of Moran Telephone Exchange of Dibrugarh SSA in September, 1999, due to which 41 subscribers appear to have been under billed to the tune of around Rs. 8.5 crores for which supplementary bills have been issued.

(c) One official who was handling the Meter Reading Statement of Moran Telephone Exchange and is suspected to be involved in the case has been placed under suspension. Further the case has also been referred to CBI.